GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON OIL SEEDS/PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology mission on oils seeds and pulses has been instrumental in increasing the production of oils seeds;

(b) if so, the consumption, total production and import of edible oils recorded during the Ninth Five Year Plan and also during the last three years, separately;

(c) whether the import of edible oils has increased over the years;

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(e) whether the technology mission on oil seeds and pulses has slipped down in the present priorities of Government; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The total availability of Edible Oil for consumption and the total productionof indigenous edible oil as well as the import of edible oil during the Ninth Five Year Plan and also during the last three years is given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. There is no restriction on the import of edible oils other than the applicable rate of custom duty. The gap between the domestic demand and domestic production of edible oils is met through imports which depend upon domestic demand, domestic production and international prices of edible oils.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF EDIBLE OIL FOR CONSUMPTION AND THE TOTAL PRODUCTION OF INDIGENOUS EDIBLE OIL AS WELL AS THE IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL FROM 1996-97 TO 2002-2003

(Quantity in Lakh metric tonnes)

Financial Year	Production of indigenous edible oils	Import of edible oil	Total availability of edible oil for consumption
1996-97	70.89	14.16	85.05
1997-98	60.32	12.66	72.98
1998-99	69.61	26.22	95.83
1999-2000	60.14	41.96	102.10
2000-2001	55.04	41.77	96.81
2001-2002	61.22	43.22	104.44
2002-2003	-	42.66	-